

MAY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH 2019

Calendar of Events

<u>Date, Time, Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Description</u>
<p><u>Wednesday, May 1, 2019</u></p> <p>Time: After First Votes</p> <p>Location: East Steps of the Capitol (If it is raining, picture will be taken in the Rayburn Room)</p>	<p>Group Photo with Congressional Members and Mental Health Advocates</p> <p>Green Ribbon Day</p> <p>Hosted by the Congressional Mental Health Caucus in conjunction with Mental Health Advocacy Groups</p>	<p>Members are encouraged to show their support for mental health by joining mental health advocates for a group photo and wearing a green ribbon.</p> <p>Green ribbons, scarves and ties can be picked up in the office of Congresswoman Napolitano 1610 Longworth.</p> <p>To sign-up for the photo contact Joseph Ciccone (Rep. Napolitano) Joseph.Ciccone@mail.house.gov or 5-5256 or Jennifer Wood (Rep. Katko) Jennifer.Wood@mail.house.gov or 5-3701.</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, May 8, 2019</u></p> <p>Time: After Last Votes</p> <p>Location: House Floor</p> <p><u>**MEMBER ONLY**</u></p>	<p>Special Order on Mental Health Awareness</p> <p>Hosted by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Congressional Mental Health Caucus</p>	<p>Members are encouraged to participate in a special order hour for Congressional Hispanic Caucus and Congressional Mental Health Caucus members. It will take place after last votes next Wednesday, May 8th.</p> <p>To sign up your Member for the special order please contact Joseph Ciccone (Rep. Napolitano) at Joseph.Ciccone@mail.house.gov or 5-5256.</p>

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<p><u>Thursday, May 9, 2019</u></p> <p>Time: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm</p> <p>Location: 2103 RHOB</p> <p>***Lunch Will Be Provided***</p>	<p>Let's Improve Medication Choices for Medicare Beneficiaries with Depression</p> <p>Hosted by Myriad in conjunction with the Congressional Mental Health Caucus</p>	<p>Health care providers prescribing depression medications for Medicare beneficiaries need more tools to direct their decisions and greater flexibility to change course when clinically appropriate. Forcing patients to fail on medications based on cost rather than allowing a physician to select the most appropriate drug based on the individual patient's clinical and genetic needs, will negatively affect health outcomes and ultimately increase healthcare system costs. The speakers will discuss two Medicare policies in need of change that limit physician treatment decisions.</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, May 15, 2019</u></p> <p>Time: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm</p> <p>Location: 2043 RHOB</p> <p>***Lunch Will Be Provided***</p>	<p>The Decarceration of Transition Age Youth with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and Mental Disorders</p> <p>Hosted by the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors in conjunction with the Congressional Mental Health Caucus</p>	<p>The incarceration of youth with mental illness and substance use conditions has reached crisis levels. Fully three quarters of those incarcerated in city and county jails suffer for these problems. Much less well known is the fact that transition age youth with intellectual/developmental disability and mental illness have grown to 10 percent of this population in recent years. This session will describe the causes for this problem and discuss potential program remedies. Needed legislative changes will be outlined.</p>
<p><u>Thursday, May 16, 2019</u></p> <p>Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am</p> <p>Location: 122 CHOB</p> <p><u>**POSTPONED**</u></p>	<p>Veteran Suicide 101 Briefing</p> <p>Hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in conjunction with the Congressional Mental Health Caucus' Military Mental Health Taskforce Co-Chairs Reps. Tim Ryan (D-OH) & Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)</p>	<p>The risk of suicide is a persistent challenge to our veteran communities. Roughly 20 veterans per day take their own lives according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This briefing will provide an overview of this issue, and focus on the steps key stakeholders are taking to combat it.</p>

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<p><u>Thursday, May 16, 2019</u></p> <p>Time: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm</p> <p>Location: B-208 LHOB</p> <p><u>**MEMBER ONLY**</u></p>	<p>Congressional Mental Health Caucus Member Meeting with Dr. Keita Franklin, the National Director of Suicide Prevention for the US Department of Veteran Affairs Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention</p>	<p>Dr. Franklin will discuss the steps the US Department of Veterans Affairs is taking to combat veteran suicide.</p> <p>To RSVP your Member for the meeting, please contact Joseph Ciccone (Rep. Napolitano) at Joseph.Ciccone@mail.house.gov or 5-5256 or Jennifer Wood (Rep. Katko) Jennifer.Wood@mail.house.gov or 5-3701.</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, May 21, 2019</u></p> <p>Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am</p> <p>Location: 2103 RHOB</p>	<p>A Look at Mental Health Access and Protections on the Local Level</p> <p>Hosted by the American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, National Alliance on Mental Illness, National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Mental Health America, American Psychiatric Association, National Association of County & City Health Officials, and American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in conjunction with the Congressional Mental Health Caucus</p>	<p>While the federal government sets guidelines that state mental health systems must meet, states do have the power to expand upon these standards and offer increased access and protections. This means mental health services and regulations can look very different in each state and even each county. This briefing will examine how states and local governments (e.g. cities and counties) are working to create improved services that can serve as a guideline for Congress.</p>

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<u>Wednesday, May 22, 2019</u> Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am Location: 2103 RHOB	Examining the Benefits of Mental Health Services in Schools Hosted by the American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, National Alliance on Mental Illness, National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Mental Health America, and American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in conjunction with the Congressional Mental Health Caucus	This briefing will examine the benefits of HR 1109, the Mental Health Services for Students Act which would provide increased federal funding for mental health services in our schools. 1 out of 5 children and adolescents in America suffer from some form of mental illness, and most go untreated because they either cannot afford care, lack access, or do not know anyone they can turn to for help. Without help, youth with untreated mental illnesses are more likely to fall victim to crime, imprisonment, or suicide later in life. Investing in preventive mental health would give our youth a better future.
<u>Thursday, May 23, 2019</u> Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am Location: HC-8	The Intersection of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Hosted by Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) in conjunction with the Congressional Mental Health Caucus	The mental health crisis in this country is mirrored by a deadly opioid epidemic – two crises that feed one another. Studies show a strong linkage between depression and substance abuse. Congress has recently focused a great deal to prioritize funding for programs that focus on mental health conditions, substance use disorder, and suicide prevention. With Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) taking the lead to implement evidence-based programs. So where should Congress and the nation's service providers go from here? How has the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (PL:115-271) addressed concerns and what issues need further attention? The scope of the problem is wide and Congress, along with stakeholders, must continue to deliver the necessary resources to assist this vulnerable population.